



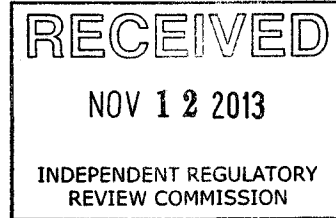
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The Honorable Silvan B. Lutkewitte, III
Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC)
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101



Email: irrc@irrc.state.pa.us

Re: Final-Form Regulations #6-326 – Academic Standards and Assessments

Dear Chairman Lutkewitte:

On behalf of the Gettysburg Area School District, I am writing to express my strong support for the final-form regulation 6-326 related to academic standards and assessments. I urge the Independent Regulatory Review Commission's approval. However, if one change/revision could be made it would be with the project-based assessments. I would recommend giving the local school district full control with approval regards to successful completion of the project.

Our school district has spent thousands of dollars and thousands of hours of professional development time preparing for the changes needed for the Pennsylvania Core Standards in English and Math, and Keystone Exams. It is time for the IRB to approve the changes so we can move forward!

Pennsylvania's students are competing with students from across the country and around the world for college admissions and for jobs. However, too many of our young people are graduating without the academic foundation and skills they need to succeed. These final-form regulations offer students and school districts a variety of pathways to success and include specific supports for students and schools.

Again, I strongly support the regulations and urge IRRC's approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Larry R. Redding'.
Larry R. Redding, D.Ed.
Superintendent